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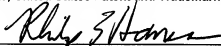
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2006, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. In light of a petition for a one month extension and fee therefore, enclosed herewith, the period expires on January 18, 2007. This Response, therefore, is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.